THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) The number of bonded labour identified in Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar as on 31-3-89, 31.3.90 and 31-3-91 are given as under:—

Year	Orissa	M.P.	Bihar
31-3-89	48,750	10,895	12,388
31-3-90	49,805	12,218	12,492
31-3-91	49,913	12,535	12,525

(b) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme was launched by Ministry of Labour in 1978-79 under which the State Governments are provided Central financial assistance on matching grant (50:50) basis for the rehabilitation of bonded labourers. The Scheme envisages provision of rehabilitation grant upto a ceiling limit of Rs 4000/- per bonded labourers (raised to Rs. 6,250/- w.e.f. 1.2.1986) half of which is given as Central share. So far, a sum of Rs. 3514.06 lakhs has been released to them as Central share of assistance.

Mineral Rich Blocks in Maharashtra

783. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the locations of the Mineral rich blocks in the Maharashtra as per the Geological survey done in that State; and

(b) the steps taken by Government for their proper exploitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) The Geological Survey of India, the Directorate of Geology & Mining, Govt. of Maharashtra and other Central/State Agencies have conducted surveys for finding mineral deposits in Maharashtra. Locations of the blocks having occurrences/deposits of important minerals are given below mineral-wise:—

Copper-Ore : Thanewasna and Dubarpeth in Chandrapur district, Pular-Parsori in Nagpur district.

Zinc-Ore: Tambekhani, Kolari, Bhaonri in Nagpur district.

Tungsten-Ore: Agargaon, Kuhi, Khobna and Bhaonri in Nagpur district.

Manganese-Ore : Chikla and Dongri Buzurg in Bhandara district, Dumri Satak and Parseoni in Nagpur district and Hiwri in Yavatmal district.

Bauxite: In different parts of the districts of Satara, Ratnagiri, Thane, Kohlapur and Raigarh.

Barytes : Phutana and Mahadwari in Chandrapur district.

Limestone : Naokari-Kusumbi belt, Yavatmal district.

Kyanite-Sillimanite' Dahegaon-Pimpalgaon, Bhandara district.

Iron-Ore: Wurrea Hill, Puser and Lohara in Chandrapur and Gadchiroli districts and Redi area in Ratnagiri district.

Coal : Chanda-Wardha, Kamptee, Umrer, Bander, Nand ,Makardhokra and Bokhara.

(b) The exploitation of minerals is carried out based on the techno-economic feasibility of the deposits. Principal minerals under exploitation were Coal, Bauxite, Iron Ore, Manganese Ore, Kyanite, Sillimanite and Limestone.